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## Glacier Bay News Release

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### **Sandy Cove Area Reopens to Overnight Camping**

In Accordance with Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, 13.30(d)(2)

Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve Superintendent Tomie Patrick Lee has announced that the temporary closure to overnight camping in the North and South Sandy Cove areas of Glacier Bay has been lifted. Campers may resume using the area, which was closed for public safety reasons, for overnight camping but should continue to exercise normal precautions for camping in bear country.

The North and South Sandy Cove is closed to overnight camping from May 05 through August 15. This year the closure was extended due high concentration of bears in the area. The area has been monitored by park rangers since the closure, and park bear technicians have assessed the area for evidence of subsequent bear activity and natural food availability. Based on the information gathered in the past month, park officials have reopened this area to overnight camping by both commercial and private groups. General precautions for camping safely in bear country, which include storing all food and items with strong odors in bear resistant food containers, cooking and eating well away from camp in the intertidal area, and not camping in areas with recent bear sign, should be strictly followed.

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All campers are reminded that overnight camping permits are required for the backcountry of Glacier Bay proper until September 30. When picking up the non-fee permit, campers may check out bear resistant food containers, at no cost, and obtain the most up-to-date information on bear activity and other camping information during their backcountry orientation. Information is available at the park's Visitor Information Station in Bartlett Cove (907-697-2627).